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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE, VERBATIM TEXT OF AN UNDATED
LETTER RECEIVED BY CONSULATE APRIL 7 FROM SOVIET EXILE
ALEKSANDR KOZHEVNIKOV, CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN GENOA:
QUOTE: EXCUSE ME, MISTER VERY MUCH FOR MY DISTURBANCE BUT
I SHOULD BE VERY APPRECIATED IF YOU WILL READ THIS LETTER
MY NAME IS ALEKSANDR, I AM RUSSIAN. MY HISTORY IS: IN 1974
YEAR I WAS EXPULSED FROM MY WORK. I WORKED IN THE AERONAUTIC
INSTITUT AS BIOPHYSIC BECAUSE I GAVE MY HOME ADDRESS TO
ON YUGOSLAVIAN TOURIST AND SHE WROTE ME LETTERS. THEN
I WORKED IN THE HOSPITAL AND BECAME THE CHIEF OF THE INVESTIGATED
DEPARTMENT I WORKED VERY WELL, BUT IN 15 NOVEMBER 1977 I WAS
EXPULSED FROM MY JOB. THEY EXPLAINED ME THAT I HAVE BEEN
IN BAPTIST CHURCH AND WAS THE MEMBER OF BAPTIST CIRCLE
20 NOVEMBER THE WOMEN (IN HER HOUSE GATHERED BAPTISTS) WAS
ARRESTED BY POLICE. I WAS AFRAID THAT SHALL BE ARRESTED
TOO. I EXPLAINED MY SITUATION TO MY ARABIAN FRIEND WHO
STUDIES IN MOSCOW UNIVERSITY AND HE GAVE ME ARABIAN PASPORT
WITH VISA OF MOSCOW OFFICE FOR FOREIGNERS WITH THIS
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DOCUMENT. I EXCAPED FROM RUSSIA 3 DEC. 1977 YEARS. I WORKED
IN ITALIA AS THE TEACHER OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. BUT THE ITALIAN
VISA FINISHED IN PASPORT AND I WENT TO QUESTURA AND ASKED
WHAT I MUST DO? THEY SAID THAT I MUST GO TO ARABIAN
COUNTRY. BUT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW
ARABIAN LANGUAGE. I WANTED AT FIRST TO ASK POLITICAL
ASILUM, BUT IN SOVIET JOURNALS VERY OFTEN ARE WRITTEN THAT

A GREAT NUMBER OF PERSON WHO ASKED POLITICAL ASILUM
GOVERMENT RETURN TO RUSSIA AND IN RUSSIA THIS PERSON GIVE
15 YEARS OF PRISON OR DEATH.

LATER I WAS ARRESTED (8 MARCH 1978) BECAUSE OF FALSE
PASPORT AND NOW I AM IN PRISON. MY CELL IS VERY COLD AND
HUMID. I SUFFERED VERY MUCH IN COMMUNIST RUSSIA AND NOW
I SUFFER HERE I SHALL BE VERY APPRECIATED IF YOU WILL CONNECT
ME WITH A BAPTIST CHURCH IN GENOVA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR READING THIS LETTER AND THAT I OCCUPATED YOUR TIME
ALEKSANDR UNQUOTE.

2. PER REFTEL D, POST DOES NOT PLAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE
KOZHEVNIKOV'S LETTER AND EARLIER TELEGRAM.DISCIUULLO

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